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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF, 1947

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From 15th February, 1943.

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PREFACE

To the Chairman and Members of the Bolsover
Urban District Council.

Mrs. Thomas and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of your district for the year 1947.

The Report has been drawn up in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Health.

Housing still continues to be the most urgent problem in the area. Only 45 permanent houses were constructed during the year.

Apart from an outbreak of Measles the health of the district has been satisfactory.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Chairman and Members of the Council for their continued interest and support.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. H. WEAR,
Medical Officer of Health.

"Dale Close,"
100, Chesterfield Road South,
Mansfield.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

The following are available:—

(a) **For Infectious Cases.**

Ambulance is provided by the North-East Derbyshire Isolation Hospital Board.

(b) **For Non-infectious Cases.**

Our own Ambulance is available for these cases—day or night. Telephone No. Bolsover 5.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE, AND SCHOOL CLINICS.

All these clinics are under the control of the County Council. A Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic is held every week on a Wednesday afternoon in Bolsover.

A School Clinic for the treatment of minor ailments is held fortnightly on a Saturday at the same place.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC.

This is held at Brimington Road, Chesterfield, on Tuesday and Friday, from 10 to 12-30 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m.

VENEREAL CLINICS.

These are at Chesterfield Royal Hospital.

Males, Mondays from 6 until 8 p.m.
 Wednesdays from 6 until 8 p.m.
 Saturdays at 2-30 p.m.

Females, Mondays at 3 p.m.
 Thursdays from 2 until 4 p.m.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (acres)	4,526
Population (Census, 1931)	11,811
Population mid-year (Registrar General) 1946 ...	10,390
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1946)	2,761
Rateable Value, 1946	£47,208
Sum represented by a Penny Rate, 1946	£174/2/2

SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The chief occupations of the inhabitants are coal mining and agriculture. Fruit is grown in the district in large quantities, and there is a Fruit Preserving Works. The British Diesel Oil and Petroleum Co. have large works in the area where "Coalite", which is a smokeless fuel, is produced.

There is no doubt that Bolsover is gradually developing into an industrial area.

CHIEF CAUSES of INVALIDITY in the DISTRICT.

SCABIES.

There has been a welcome drop in the number of cases of scabies in the area. Only 63 persons (33 adults and 30 children) were treated as compared with 183 in 1946 and 203 in 1945. In all 27 families received 183 treatments.

NUTRITION.

The health and well-being of the school children is much the same. The number of "sub-normal" nutrition cases still remain small.

Free milk and the school meals have been a great help but there are many more who will benefit when the mid-day meal becomes free as, in spite of the average income being increased and there being very little unemployment in the district, many parents are either unable or unwilling to pay for the cost of a school meal for their children.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS.

Live Births.

	Total	Males	Females	
Legitimate	227	120	107	{ Birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 22.6
Illegitimate	9	4	5	
Still Births	3	1	2	{ Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 12.7

	Total	Males	Females	
DEATHS	100	61	39	{ Death-rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population 9.5

Deaths from puerperal causes (Heading 29 and 30 of the Registrar-General Short List):—

	Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Total (Live and Still) Births.
No. 29 Puerperal Sepsis	—	—
No. 30 Other puerperal causes	—	—
	—	—
Total	—	—
	—	—

DEATH-RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE:—

All infants per 1,000 live births	... ..	33
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births...		35
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births		—

DEATHS FROM:—

Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	—
Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	—
Diarrhoea (under two years of age)...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	18
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	1
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	3
Heart Disease	...	...	...	...	...	31
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	2
Premature Birth	...	...	...	...	...	4
Congenital Malformations	...	...	...	...	...	5
Violent Injuries	...	...	...	...	...	3
Road Traffic Accidents...	...	...	...	...	...	3

BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE, and ANALYSIS of MORTALITY during the Year 1947.

	Birth-rate- per 1,000 Total Population	Annual Death-rate per 1,000 Population.										Births. 1,000 Rate per	
		Live Births	Still Births	All causes	Enteric Fever	Small-pox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping-cough	Diphtheria	Influenza		Diarrhoea and Enteritis, under 2 years	Total Deaths under 1 year
England and Wales ...	20.5	0.50	12.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.09	5.8	41
126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London ...	23.3	0.62	13.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.09	8.0	47
148 Smaller Towns (1931 adjusted) Population 25,000—50,000	22.2	0.54	11.9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.08	3.7	36
London ...	22.7	0.49	12.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.04	0.08	4.8	37
Bolsover U.D. ...	22.6	0.29	9.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.09	—	33

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The number of types of specimens dealt with by the County Laboratories were as follows:—

	Pos.	Neg.	Total
Typhoid	—	—	—
Salmonella including para-typhoid	—	—	—
Brucella Abortus & B dysentery ...	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	15	15
Vincent's Angina	1	10	11
Haemolytic Streptococci	5	11	16
Phthisis	—	3	3
* Water	3	4	7
* Ice Cream, Methylene Blue Test	—	—	—
Milk:—			
Methylene Blue, Routine Samples	25	51	76
Bacillus Coli do	21	51	72
* Bacterial Count do.	—	—	—
* Phosphatase Test do.	—	—	—
Methylene Blue, Heat Treatment Scheme	—	12	12
* Phosphatase Test, Heat Treatment Scheme	—	3	3
Tubercle Bacilli, Inoculation Test (Routine Samples)	—	58	58
Tubercle Bacilli, Inoculation Test (Min. of Agriculture).	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	—	—	—
Totals	55	218	273

* Positive—Unsatisfactory.

Negative—Satisfactory.

In addition to the above, 3 urgent swabs were examined at the Mansfield Laboratory. All proved to be negative.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER.

This is supplied by the Chesterfield and Bolsover Water Board and is satisfactory in quality. The quantity however is limited and extra supplies are obtained from the Meden Valley Water Supply.

14 bacteriological samples were taken during the year after chlorination, 13 were satisfactory and one unsatisfactory. No definite cause could be found for the unsatisfactory sample.

The whole of the district, apart from one house, is supplied direct from the water mains and there are no stand pipes. The water is softened and chlorinated before use and .15 parts per million of chlorine is added. The chlorinating plant is installed at the Hillstown Water Tower.

The water is not liable to plumbo solvent action.

The following is a bacteriological analysis taken after chlorination.

Temperature on arrival	...	...	...	...	24°c
No. of Colonies per millilitre developing on Agar:					
In 3 days at 22 °c	...	...	...	...	4
In 48 hours at 37 °c	...	...	...	...	1
Probable number of Bacteria. Coli Aerogenes					
Group in 100 mls.	...	...	...	...	0
Free Chlorine p.p. million	...	...	...	...	none

Remarks:—Satisfactory.

CLOSET CONVERSIONS.

There are 2,806 houses in the district and apart from the number outlined below all cases on the water carriage system of drainage.

Pail closets and Elsan closets...	...	...	...	121
Privies	...	...	...	12
Cesspools	...	...	...	31

Where no sewer is available it is the intention of the Council to ask the owners to replace privy-middens by pail closets.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Tenders have been obtained and submitted to the Ministry of Health to carry out the necessary works to remedy the damage done to sewers in the Carr Vale area caused by mining subsidence.

During the year no additions or extensions to the sewage system were made except on the Moorfield Lane Housing scheme where new sewers were laid to 102 houses.

As mentioned in previous reports, owing to mining subsidence the sewerage from the hamlet of Carr Vale is unable to reach the Sewage Works and at present flows directly into the river Doe Lea. A scheme has been put before the Ministry of Health to pump the sewerage to the main Sewage works at Bolsover but, unfortunately, the scheme so far has been held up by the Ministry and nothing has been done to remedy this very serious nuisance.

URGENT SANITARY REQUIREMENTS.

1. The abatement of overcrowding by the provision of more houses.
2. The closing and demolition of unfit houses.
3. The abatement of the nuisance at Carr Vale Sewage Works.

HOUSING

The most urgent need of the district is for more houses, the rate of building is painfully slow, not only in this area but all over the country. Many people are living under the worst possible conditions and few of the younger married couples have known a home of their own.

In many cases owing to the housing shortage adolescent girls and boys have to use the same bedroom which does not

conduce to a healthy and wholesome home life. Living with in-laws as most newly-married couples have to do is very apt to cause friction and unhappiness if continued over a long period.

Since building commenced after the war 71 permanent and 25 temporary houses have been completed in Bolsover. During 1947 45 permanent houses were built. At present 102 are under construction and these should be completed in 1948.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1947.

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PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

DIPHTHERIA.

No cases occurred during the year.

The elimination of this disease is undoubtedly due to the active steps which have been taken in your district to see that all children up to the age of 15 years have been immunised.

During the last twelve months 120 children under 5 and 12 children between 5 and 15 were immunised, also children received a reinforcing dose of serum when commencing school.

SCARLET FEVER.

31 cases occurred and all were removed to hospital. The cases were mild in type and there were no deaths.

CEREBRO-SPINAL MENINGITIS.

One notification was received. The patient was removed to hospital where he subsequently died.

MEASLES AND WHOOPING COUGH.

216 cases of measles and 16 of whooping cough were notified. There were no deaths.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following table gives particulars of new cases of tuberculosis and of all deaths from the disease during the year.

Age Periods in years.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
20 ...	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
25 ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 ...	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—
45 ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
55 ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	2	4	—	1	2	1	—	—

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SANITARY INSPECTOR AND CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1947

To the Chairman and Members of the
Public Health Committee.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs Thomas and Gentlemen,

It is my privilege to present my Annual Report of the year 1947 for your consideration. The details are given under the various headings relating to all matters connected with the Public Health and Cleansing Services of the Urban Area. The activities of the Department have been carried out with the same progressive spirit as in the previous year, and several enterprising schemes have been given consideration in Committee and carried through to a successful issue.

The Details are as follows:—

INSPECTION OF DISTRICT.

During the year 1559 visits were made re complaints received and in general inspection of the district.

NUISANCES.

412 nuisances were reported to the Public Health Committee. The following table gives particulars of such nuisances, respecting which Preliminary Notices were issued or owners interviewed.

Defective roofs	...	...	...	...	28
" Ceiling Plaster	...	...	...	...	20
" Wall Plaster	...	...	...	...	15
" Floors	...	...	...	...	12
" Floor Joists	...	...	...	...	1
" Fire Ranges	...	...	...	...	15
" Grate to Washing Copper	...	...	...	...	5
" Washing Copper	...	...	...	...	1
" Ovens	...	...	...	...	5
" Fire Backs	...	...	...	...	5
" Boilers	...	...	...	...	6
" Sinks	...	...	...	...	4
" Sink Waste Pipes	...	...	...	...	2
" W.C. Pedestals	...	...	...	...	17
" W.C. Cisterns	...	...	...	...	3
" W.C. Drains	...	...	...	...	3
" W.C. Cones	...	...	...	...	2
" W.C. Seats	...	...	...	...	3
" Ball Taps to W.C's	...	...	...	...	1
Damp walls	...	...	...	...	10
Defective Yard Surfaces	...	...	...	...	24
" Yard Wall	...	...	...	...	3
" Doors	...	...	...	...	4
" Door Frames	...	...	...	...	2
" Door Hinges	...	...	...	...	1
Alleged Dirty Houses	...	...	...	...	3
Burst Pipes	...	...	...	...	14
Defective Ball Taps to Cisterns	...	...	...	...	5
" Ball Washer to Cistern	...	...	...	...	4
" Circulating Pipes	...	...	...	...	1
" Waste Water Gullies	...	...	...	...	1
" Grates to Waste Water Gullies	...	...	...	...	1
" Drains	...	...	...	...	35
" Weather Boards and Threshers	...	...	...	...	3
" Window Frames	...	...	...	...	10
" Window Cords	...	...	...	...	4
" Window Beading	...	...	...	...	1
" Eaves Gutters	...	...	...	...	9
" Rain Water Pipes	...	...	...	...	1
" Chimney Pots	...	...	...	...	4
" Chimney Stacks	...	...	...	...	5
" Skirting Boards	...	...	...	...	1
" Inspection Chambers	...	...	...	...	2
" Manhole Frames	...	...	...	...	1
" Manhole Covers	...	...	...	...	1

"	Window Fasteners	...	...	...	4
"	Staircase Treads	...	...	...	1
"	Flues	...	...	...	5
"	Ash Bins	...	...	...	167
"	and Dangerous Structures	...	...	...	8
"	Handrails to Stairs	...	...	...	12
"	Lead Flashing	...	...	...	4
"	Pointing	...	...	...	5
Offensive	Smells	...	...	...	1
Total					495

NOTICES.

201 Preliminary or Informal Letters and Notices were served upon owners or occupiers to abate the above-mentioned nuisances, found in connection with dwelling houses, etc.

It was found necessary to issue 64 Statutory Notices during the year to secure the abatement of nuisances.

In 25 cases work done in default was carried out and the costs recovered informally. In all other cases the notices were complied with.

It was not found necessary to institute legal proceedings during the year to secure the abatement of nuisances.

FACTORIES ACT.

152 visits of inspection have been paid to factories in the district which were found to be in a satisfactory condition generally

Two contraventions were observed and one notification was received during the year from H. M. Inspector of Factories.

WORKPLACES.

25 Visits of inspection were paid to workplaces in the district during the year. No contraventions were observed.

BAKEHOUSES.

Number on Register, December 1947 ... 2

These premises have been regularly visited and inspected. No contraventions were observed.

FRIED FISH SHOPS.

There were 9 fried fish shops on the register at the end of the year. The premises have been regularly visited and inspected.

FOOD PREPARING PREMISES.

There were 12 Food Preparing premises being used as such during the year. 56 Visits of inspection have been made to these premises.

BUTCHERS' SHOPS.

39 visits of inspection have been paid to Butchers' Shops within the district. There were 12 on the register at the end of the year.

MEAT REGULATIONS.

84 visits of inspection were paid to Market Stalls. There were no contraventions of the Regulations during the year.

UN SOUND FOOD.

The following amount of diseased or unsound food was condemned as unfit for human consumption.

	Weight	Amount
Fish		131 tins
Kippers	84 lbs.	
Meat		23 tins
Beef	119 lbs.	
Peas and Beans		42 tins
Pork Luncheon Meat		2 tins
Pickles		19 jars
Fruit		2 tins
Soup		9 tins
Tomatoes	70 lbs.	22 tins
Preserves	101 lbs.	
Sausage	65 lbs.	
Vegetables		7 tins
Milk		186 tins
Total Weight	3 cwt. 3 qrs. 9 lbs.	
Total No. Tins	443	

All the above were surrendered at the time of inspection prior to being exposed for sale.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES AND KNACKERS YARD.

There are four licensed slaughterhouses within the Urban District and in all four cases the licences were renewed. None are in use at the present time.

There is one Knackers Yard on the register. 48 visits of inspection have been paid to these premises during the year.

Business was found to be carried out in as satisfactory a manner as the nature permits, and records were kept up-to-date as required.

MEAT INSPECTION

The numbers of private pigs killed in the district continue to show an increase, but no requests were received during the year for any to be inspected.

Tuberculosis pork is probably being eaten on a large scale, and the Government policy of encouraging the back-yard pig-keeper to kill his pig anywhere, leaving the matter of meat inspection obligatory, is creating a grave menace to Public Health.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

The general standard is rapidly improving and I venture to suggest that we shall have no producers of raw milk in the very near future. The tendency is for Accredited Milk and Tuberculin Tested.

32 visits of inspection were made to dairies within the Urban District.

74 visits of inspections were made to farms and cowsheds within the district.

Complaints 1; Defects found 5; Verbal Notice Served 1; Defects Remedied 5.

There are three producers of Tuberculin Tested Milk in the Area.

Total number of Accredited Producers in the District is 5 out of a possible 20.

Several farm premises are being made to comply with the Milk and Dairies Orders with a view to applying for an Accredited Producers Licence.

MILK SAMPLES.

90 samples of milk were taken during the year.

85 samples were submitted to the Methylene Blue Test and 72 were submitted to the B. Coli Test.

No. of Samples	Test Methylene Blue	
	Good	Bad
85	62 or 73%	23 or 27%
No. of Samples	Test for B. Coli.	
	Good	Bad
72	51 or 71%	21 or 29%

66 samples of milk were submitted to the Bacteriologist for Biological Test. Tuberculosis was not produced in a Guinea Pig 23 days after inoculation in 52 samples.

With 14 samples the Guinea Pigs died too soon for a definite result to be obtained.

18 samples of Pasteurised Milk were submitted to the Phosphatase Test. 17 samples reacted as having been adequately pasteurised. One failed to pass the test.

MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER, 1926.

The registrations up to the 31st December, were as follows:—

Cowkeepers in the Urban District	
retailing milk within the District	15
Wholesale producers within the District	8
Shopkeepers within the District	
retailing milk	11
Purveyors of milk within the District	38

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION.

The following table gives the number of infectious diseases and the number of cases removed to the Isolation Hospital.

	Removed to	
	Notified	Hospital
Scarlet Fever	31	31
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	1	1
Erysipelas	1	—
Measles	216	—
Whooping Cough	1	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	6	—
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	—
Pneumonia	3	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—

20 rooms were disinfected by means of spraying with formalin or fumigating with formic aldehyde gas. 33 books have been disinfected. Several beds and articles of clothing were steam disinfected at the disinfecting station, Council Yard. In some cases a charge was made.

There were no Verminous Head Treatments given during the year, which shows marked improvement in the care of school children. There were very few cases of Scabies for treatment during the year.

WATER SUPPLY.

During 1945, an effort was made to get rid of all unsatisfactory water supplies within the district. The extent to which this was successful can be seen from the fact that by December 31st, of this year only one house is supplied by a private well, all the rest being connected to the town's mains. During the year one spring was found to be unsatisfactory and water was laid on to two cottages after it was closed.

Six samples of swimming bath water were taken during the year from the Public Baths, New Station Road. Three were found to be satisfactory. Two samples of tap water were taken during the year and both were satisfactory.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATED) ACT.

14 visits of inspection were paid to premises where petroleum spirit is stored. All licences were renewed during the year. No contraventions were observed.

SCHOOLS.

37 visits of inspection were carried out during the year for various purposes: W.C. Accommodation, Defects, Immunisation, Health and Education Propaganda, etc.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS, INNS, etc.

15 visits of inspection were paid to the above premises re W.C. Accommodation.

Defects found	1
Defects remedied	1

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919.

RATS AND MICE INFESTATION ORDER, 1943.

The full-time rat-catcher employed by the Council made 74 visits of inspection to premises infested with rats.

89 rats were caught during the year.

SHOPS ACTS.

In connection with the above there were no complaints during the year. 5 visits were paid to various premises where mixed staffs were employed.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

Routine inspections were carried out of the caravans renting Kitchen Croft for the winter. The dwellings were kept in a satisfactory manner and no nuisances were found.

VERMIN.

There were no complaints of bug infestations during the year. D.D.T. Powder and Gammexane Dust were made available to the public free of charge. Liquid Disinfectant and D.D.T. fly solution is also available free of charge.

CONVERSIONS.

Progress is being made with a view to the abolition of Privy Middens and subsequent installation of pails and ash bins in areas where no sewers are available. 1 privy midden has been replaced by 2 pails and 2 ash bins, 1 privy midden has been replaced by a Fresh Water Closet, and in several instances the work of alteration is in hand. Wherever the sewer is available all dwellings are supplied with a fresh water closet, except in one or two cases of property to be dealt with sometime in the future as Clearance Areas. In these cases would not be reasonable to ask the owners to convert.

HOUSING.

45 Permanent Houses have been built and occupied.
 No premises have been converted into dwellings.
 Informal Notices served—10.
 Housing Statutory Notices served Section 9—10.

The defects under the Housing Acts are as follows:—

Defective Handrail to Stairs	...	...	...	20
" Window frames	...	...	...	43
" Window cords	...	...	...	35
" Window fasteners	...	...	...	5
" Doors	...	...	...	24
" Door casings	...	...	...	1
" Beadings	...	...	...	34
" Fire ranges	...	...	...	5
" Fire back brickwork	...	...	...	14
" Flues	...	...	...	16
" Fire places	...	...	...	13
" Washing coppers	...	...	...	4
" Grates to washing coppers	...	...	...	1
" Ovens	...	...	...	10
" Boilers	...	...	...	8
" Chimney stacks	...	...	...	10
" Ceiling plaster	...	...	...	50
" Wall plaster	...	...	...	50
" Eaves gutters	...	...	...	10
" Rain water pipes	...	...	...	10
Damp walls	...	...	...	11
Defective weather boards and Threshers	...	...	...	14

"	Yard gulhes	...	...	...	9
"	Sinks	...	...	...	4
"	Sink waste pipes	...	...	...	1
"	W.C. Pedestals	...	...	...	1
"	W.C. Seats	...	...	...	2
"	W.C. Cone	...	...	...	1
"	Ridge tile joints	...	...	...	10
"	Joints	...	...	...	9
"	Flashing	...	...	...	16
"	Gable end walls	...	...	...	1
"	Slate roofs	...	...	...	12
"	Floor boards	...	...	...	12
"	Joists	...	...	...	5
"	Quarry floors	...	...	...	8
"	Pathway surround	...	...	...	2
"	Yard steps	...	...	...	1
Total					472

Progress is being made by the re-housing of families living in rooms. General housing standards are gradually deteriorating owing to lack of materials and labour available for repair work. It has been necessary in some cases to carry out works in default as there is a tendency on the part of some unscrupulous owners to exploit the position today and use it as an excuse to do no repairs. Our greatest problem lies in deciding the best means of making houses unfit for human habitation capable of being lived in for some time to come. There is great dissatisfaction among these tenants which does nothing to ease the burden and in very extreme circumstances the only course open to us is procedure as Individual Unfit Houses and consequent demolition. It adds to our re-housing problem but some of these types of dwellings cannot be considered in any other way. I think, on the whole, housing conditions are improved in one respect that is from an overcrowding point of view, but on the other hand with the restricted amount of repair work deciding general fitness, little progress has been made and housing standards are lower. The only solution would appear to be more materials and labour directed to repair and maintenance but this appears to be an impossibility at the present time.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICE.

This is probably the most costly item in the Council's commitments, and every effort is being made to keep the cost down to a minimum consistent with the maintenance of the high standard of efficiency in collection and disposal which our ratepayers now accept as a matter of course.

Every effort is being made to maintain our weekly collections and it is only when extreme weather conditions prevail, such as occurred in February and March of this year, that our services are unable to continue this practice.

SALVAGE.

During this financial year, 1st April to 31st March, 1948 salvage has broken all previous records, doubling, and in some cases trebling previous years incomes and output. Realising the need for greater conservancy in raw materials every effort will be made in the future to increase and extend our salvage recovery service.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

Particulars are as follows:—

Staff.

12 men are employed covering Refuse Collection, Salvage Recovery Service, Cesspool and Wet Pail Emptying, Tip Servicing, etc.

Vehicles.

- 1 Bedford Lorry.
- 1 Karrier Bantam and Trailer.
- 1 Tractor and Water Cart.

REFUSE DISPOSAL.

All refuse collected by the Council is disposed of by controlled tipping at:—

- New Byron Brickworks.
- Limekiln Fields.
- Shuttlewood.
- Stanfree.

COLLECTION OF KITCHEN WASTE.

The collection of Kitchen Waste was discontinued during the year owing to the poor response on the part of the public and the number of private pig keepers already collecting Kitchen Waste within the Urban District.

SCREENED ASHES.

Nearly all refuse from two tips is being screened, and ashes sold to local gardeners, centrally heated establishments, etc. Owing to the labour shortage the demand exceeds output.

Pails. All wet pails within the district are emptied twice weekly.

Cesspools. All cesspools within the district are serviced weekly.

Middens. All middens within the district are emptied every six weeks.

SALVAGE.

Salvage from 1st April, 1946 to 31st March, 1947.

Total Weight—293 tons 15 cwt., 1 qr.

Total Income—£695-8-3.

Salvage from 1st April, 1947 to 31st March, 1948.

				T.	C.	Q.	L.	£	s.	d
Screened Ashes	...	...	...	378	0	0	0	514	10	0
Bottles & Jars	...	...	...	42	18	0	0	482	0	1
Paper	...	...	...	58	13	2	0	388	19	2
Cullett	...	...	...	21	16	2	0	41	01	9
Textiles	...	...	...	6	5	3	2	46	14	1
Scrap Iron...	...	...	...	15	11	0	0	31	10	10
Bones	...	...	...	1	17	3	18	10	16	6
Kitchen Waste	...	...	...	3	8	0	0	4	5	0
String	...	...	...			2	17		3	11
Rubber	...	...	...		10	0	0		10	0
Kitchen Waste Refund Subsidy								6	16	0
Paper Collection Allowance								7	12	3
Advertisements								10	0	0
Reclaimed L.M.S.									10	11
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	79	10	0	0			
Totals	...	...	...	608	11	1	9	1546	8	6

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE IN SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

Inspection for nuisances and Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	1559
No. of nuisances found	...	...	...	...	412
No. of Preliminary Notices served	...	...	...	...	201
No. of Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	64
Visits to Factories	...	...	...	...	152
" Workplaces	...	...	...	...	25
" Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	8
" Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	...	39
" Market Stalls	...	...	...	...	84
" Dairies	...	...	...	...	32
" Farms and Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	74
" Knackers Yard	...	...	...	...	48
" re Rat Infestation	...	...	...	...	74
" Food Preparing Premises	...	...	...	...	56
" Schools	...	...	...	...	37
" Public Buildings, Inns, etc.	...	...	...	...	15
Milk samples taken	...	...	...	...	90
Water samples taken	...	...	...	...	6
Rats caught	...	...	...	...	89
Pigs inspected	...	...	...	...	—
Food condemned	443 tins	3 cwts.	3 qrs.	9 lbs.	
Library Books Disinfected	...	...	...	...	33
Rooms Disinfected	...	...	...	...	20
Conversions	...	...	...	...	2

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Thomas and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. H. SMELLIE.

